

County News.

BRISTOL.

Geo. Bostwick is getting better.

Maple sugar is selling for from 7 to 9 cents a pound.

Miss Dell Goodroe is falling, as is James Bain.

Rev. Mr. Nash left Tuesday morning for conference.

Mrs. Doty has moved into her house on Mountain street.

The Bristol cornet band has 22 members at present.

Elder D. Bosworth preaches in Salisbury next Sunday.

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore is expected to lecture here May 1.

Band meetings are held Tuesday and Saturday evenings now.

W. L. Crampton is busy finishing the house bought of Frank Brown.

Noble Munson is slating and painting his house and fixing up things very nicely.

A ladies' prayer-meeting was held at Mrs. Angeline Allen's Tuesday afternoon.

Painting, papering and housecleaning are now the order of the day, and some nights.

The People's Theatre company appears at Holley hall on May 31, and continues six nights.

People are beginning to clear up their gardens preparatory to putting in the "garden sass."

Gospel meetings are held in the basement of Holley hall every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Dea. William Grant and wife have returned to Bristol to live. They have been in Rutland for a year past.

A. A. Allen, on North street, is improving the looks of his premises by the application of white paint.

The Bristol folks found out last week "How John Norton spent his Christmas." A fair audience was in attendance.

Dr. Levi Hasseltine and wife of Brandon are in town. The doctor is making some repairs about his store, occupied by Dan Strong.

Dr. Geo. O. W. Farnham has placed a very neat sign over his office door. The doctor has one of the best appointed offices in town, or any other town about here.

The Methodist church was crowded Sunday evening by those who went to hear the farewell sermon of Rev. Mr. Nash. There were no services at the Baptist church.

CORNWALL.

Mrs. J. Q. Atwood is on the sick list.

Mrs. H. G. Scovel is slowly improving.

Miss Maria Douglas is to teach the school in district No. 4.

Grass is looking finely and stock is being turned out to pasture.

Mrs. Della Thomas has gone to Orwell to take care of Miss Minnie Cutts.

Farmers are busy sowing their spring grain. Some have planted potatoes.

M. B. Williamson starts for the West soon for a six-weeks' trip, on business.

The warm weather of late has dried the soil very rapidly, and farmers are very busy preparing their ground for their crops.

The roads, until within a few days, have been in an almost impassable condition, there being many places where there seemed to be no bottom.

The many friends of Frank E. Foote and Miss Addie Foote were glad to welcome them home, a few days ago, from Colorado, where Mr. Foote has been for the past year, and Miss Foote for several years as a teacher in the public schools at Fort Collins.

ORWELL.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson buried an infant child on Wednesday last.

Mrs. James Kimberly has been very sick for a few days, but is reported better.

The sick heretofore reported remain about as they have been for a few days past.

Rev. S. F. Calhoun preached a very practical sermon on Sunday morning last from Joshua xv: 19.

The mud is drying up and farmers smilingly go about their accustomed ploughing and sowing.

The governor's proclamation for Arbor day was read from the desk of the Congregational church on Sunday last.

H. H. Young is building a neat portico over his front door. The wood-work is being done by James Kimball and the tin-work by Messrs. Johnson & Williams.

A. P. Cutting was arrested on Tuesday of last week by U. S. Marshal Henry, charged with selling the ardent without a license, but was released on bail for his appearance at court.

SALISBURY.

At a meeting of the W. C. T. U. of Salisbury, held March 30, 1886, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Having during the past year been called to part with our dearly-loved and former corresponding secretary, Mary E. Avery, whose memory is and ever will be fragrant in our memory.

Resolved, That it is but a just tribute to the memory of the departed to say that in regretting her removal from our midst we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our respect and regard.

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with the family of the deceased on the dispensation with which it has pleased our loving Providence to afflict them, and comfort them for consolation to him who orders all things for

the best and whose chastisements are meant in mercy.

Readers, That a copy of these heartfelt testimonials of our sympathy and sorrow be forwarded to the Middlebury REGISTER for publication, a copy recorded by our secretary, also a copy sent to the bereaved family.

MRS. L. D. DYER, Pres.
MRS. D. B. KINGSLEY, Sec.

RIPTON.

Mr. J. C. Pierce had three two-year-olds stray away from his premises during the late storm and on search one was found dead, the others alive, at a short distance from the barn in an out lot.

Despite the unseasonableness of the hour of the late fire at Wm. Galvin's quite a crowd gathered and worked nobly to save property; to all constituting that crowd Mr. G. wishes to extend his heartfelt thanks and hopes he may never be called upon to return the favor in kind.

During the progress of the fire at Mr. Galvin's, the old house standing on the farm occupied by J. C. Pierce was discovered to be on fire, but the fire had gained so little headway that it was easily subdued. The building stood from 80 to 100 rods away from the main fire. Some thought it might have caught from cinders from the original fire, but others scout the idea, saying the distance was too great and the roof too wet.

The Granville correspondent of the REGISTER seems to be "off." In a recent issue he has an item as to the shortcomings of two Rip-ton men, as though Rip-ton men were sinners above all men, ignoring the fact that Gokey hails from York State and only stopped here a short time and that Derby hails from Fair Haven, but did stop here a little longer. We, with as much or more propriety, might claim that parties that came through Granville to this place and transgressed the rules of propriety were "Granville men." A little exactness in reporting would do no harm and might go far toward good feeling among townsmen and neighbors. For instance, the item in regard to the two boys starting for Florida with a quantity of stolen funds; would it have been an injury to him to have said that the Barry boy took the plunder and induced the Hamblin boy to join him promising to pay all bills; that when the arrest was made none of the property was found on the Hamblin boy, and that at the time set for trial, after the motion made by the counsel for the Hamblin boy to put him under bonds for a term to restrain him in the future from wrong doing, Mr. Babcock, town grand juror, said publicly addressing the court that had he known the facts he never should have made any complaint against him and did not know of any evidence against him unless the fact he was in the Barry boy's company could be called evidence? In point of fact no evidence against the Hamblin boy was known to exist and the correspondent from Granville knows, or should know, it. Really, the one who wrote the dime novel that turned the Barry boy's head is the only one that should have been punished in any way.

WEST CORNWALL.

Mr. Hurlburt, at Jason Jones', is in a very feeble condition.

The sewing circle will meet this week Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Frank Randall.

Harry Drake has left the employ of F. S. Haskell, and will Sessions of East Middlebury takes his place.

Miss Hattie Wooster is staying in Middlebury with her sister, Mrs. Mary Mead, for the present. Her health is not good and the change seemed desirable.

Frank Foote, son of Jared Foote, has lately returned from Colorado, after a year's absence. His sister, Addie, who had been there yet longer, returned with him.

Sherman Harrington has fitted up stables in A. L. Bingham's barn and is prepared to keep a few colts which he will break to drive. He is driving some good ones. He boards with H. A. Moody.

It was very warm on Sunday. The thermometer registered 85 deg. in the shade in the afternoon. It is hoped we shall not have to pay for this warm weather later in the season, when cold weather would do more harm than if it came now.

Deane Bingham returned from Iowa, last Friday. He has been very sick with pneumonia, but had so far recovered as to start for home. He is feeble yet, but his friends hope that careful nursing, the healthy air of this place and home associations will soon restore him to good health again.

WEST SALISBURY.

Spring has truly arrived, and spring poets are in their glory.

F. W. Atwood has returned from Kansas, where he has been looking after some cattle interests.

C. C. Graves has gone to Cornwall to enter the employ of N. B. Douglas & Son in their creamery.

Rev. J. A. Heath has gone to conference, which convenes at Pittsfield, Mass., this year.

The trade in veal calves seems to be dull. There are evidences of a "deal" between buyers to keep prices down.

M. M. Doud was elected prudential committee of school district No. 1 at the special meeting held a few days ago, occasioned by the resignation of W. W. Crook.

The personal property belonging to the estate of the late Willard Whitney was disposed of at public auction a few days since. It is thought it brought its full value.

Our much-talked of new merchant has not yet put in his appearance, and we

fear he never will. We have one of the best openings here in Vermont for some live, energetic man who would keep a first-class general store.

NEW HAVEN.

Butter sold for 25 cents on Monday.

Merchant Roscoe reported a lively trade last market day.

Mrs. Wm. P. Nash has been spending some time in Troy, N. Y., with her sister, Mrs. Katie Swett, who has been very ill.

Rev. Mr. Sargent occupied the desk last Sabbath, and preached at East Mills in the afternoon. He is quite improved in health, although troubled with a hoarseness.

Two young ladies in town were so interested to know how "John Norton spent his Christmas" that they took the "Foot and Walker" train for Bristol last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Mary Bottum is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Hall of Cambridge, Mass., and also Miss Lottie, who has been in the Conservatory of Music at Boston for a year past.

Mrs. Carrie E. Nash left town the first of April to visit her sister, Mrs. Ellen (Smith) Nash, at Oak Grove, Wis. Upon arriving there she was conveyed to her sister's residence in a sleigh, there being a foot of snow on the ground. Old Vermont is ahead yet.

Master Leroy C. Russell and Miss Mattie Partch have each sent an order to the China Tea Co. of Boston, and secured their premiums. Leroy has an elegant parlor lamp and Miss Mattie a tea-set, which she presented to her mother, Mrs. Partch honoring the gift by giving a tea-party to Mattie and her friends.

A curious illustration of animal instinct was recently witnessed upon the farm of Stowe & Doud of this town. Mr. L. S. Doud with his men were finishing the cutting of a strip of timber upon the side of the main woods. Two trees remained about one hundred feet or more from the edge of the woods, and when one of them was felled a flying squirrel ran out of it and up the remaining tree. The animal appeared quite tame and greatly excited. Upon examining the prostrate tree a nest containing five young squirrels was found in the same. A section containing the nest was cut out and placed at the foot of the standing tree. The old squirrel instantly seized one of her young and by dexterous manipulations with paws and chin, reduced it to the appearance of a small, furry ball, which she caught in her mouth, and ascending the tree to some distance, launched out in mid air across the open space toward the main woods, alighting at the foot of a tree at the edge of the cover. Depositing her little burden in a hastily improvised nest upon the ground, the old squirrel ran up this tree and started through the air on a return trip to the four remaining young ones. The former operation was repeated, and so on until the five little ones had taken an aerial trip to their new lodgings. But now, either from a lack of confidence in her tally, or at any rate to quiet her maternal anxiety, the mother made yet one more trip to the old nest, and after exploring every nook of the same, and seemingly becoming satisfied that none had been overlooked, returned to her family, thus making five and one-half round trips and the routes crossing each other in mid air like horizontal letter X. The precision with which the animal would direct its course and alight was astonishing; and indeed the whole performance in all its details was executed with an accuracy, celerity and success quite unlike many of the "plans of mice and men," political and otherwise, which often miscarry.

[From Another Correspondent.]

D. H. Squiers intends to paint his house soon.

G. W. Barton is loading a car of potatoes for the Boston market.

Mrs. C. E. Waite is sick with whooping cough, and there are several other cases in town.

New Haven maintains four covered bridges and about 75 miles of highways, which is much more than most of the adjoining towns.

Prof. H. D. Hoffnagle is very popular with the students of the academy. He is a good instructor, a thorough disciplinarian and the right man in the right place.

H. C. Roscoe did a rushing business at his store last Monday. He bought a large amount of butter, the ruling price paid being 25 cents, and sold over \$100 worth of goods.

In 1827 there were 629 scholars enrolled in the district schools of this town, and for a period of forty years the number was upward of 500 a year. The number in attendance for 1885 was 260.

The chief question which agitates the public mind in New Haven now is, Are we to have a macadamized road to Bristol? The road has been in a deplorable condition for the past few weeks, and loaded teams had to suspend operations for several days. The Bristol stage broke down a few days since. It is probably the worst piece of road this side of the Rocky mountains.

New Haven village is situated in the central part of the town, one mile from New Haven station. It contains two blacksmith shops, two wheelwright shops, one shoe shop, one harness and barber shop, one meat market, two stores, one hotel, the town hall, the Congregational church, one of the finest in the county; Beeman academy, one of the most flourishing schools in Vermont, and about forty dwellings. Surely, with

all its sins of omission and commission, New Haven street ought to be a bigger and better place.

WEYBRIDGE.

Mrs. Sally Boies is at her daughter's, Mrs. F. Wright's, this week.

E. A. Roscoe has moved to the Wales residence.

By setting a stump on fire Mr. D. C. Twitchell lost several acres of grass and 20 rods of stump fence on Tuesday.

Hayward, Everts & Roscoe's creamery is to run on new arrangements this season.

Toss Hayward teaches the school in district No. 6, Miss Nellie Stow in No. 2, and Miss Bingham in No. 5, the coming summer.

Decoration day will be observed here as usual, but we are unable to give the speaker's name as yet. Due notice will be given, however.

Rev. Elizabeth Delevan is attending conference this week. She will no doubt return for another year. Rev. J. Quay is expected this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Harrington and son are making a flying visit here preparatory to going to Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Harrington has a contract to sink a well in that city 2000 feet deep.

Thomas Halo has received a pension, the back pay amounting to near \$1,100, and \$8 per month. Mr. Halo is certainly deserving of this, his being a severe case of hernia, received near Washington.

As Mr. Bernice Twitchell and Miss Agnes Wheeler were returning from church on Sunday, and were just at the top of the hill north of the village, the king-bolt came out and a separation occurred. Very fortunately no one was seriously hurt.

VERGENNES.

The roads are improving.

Saturday's trade was good in Vergennes.

Rev. Mr. Sutton of Starksboro, was in town Tuesday.

Hudson's tin and stove store, in the Gaines' block, is to have an addition.

The meat carts, with their summer coverings, have made their appearance.

Have you seen the shoe window at F. K. Haven's? Call and see. It is artistic.

The road makers are looking after the streets. That's right, mend your ways.

Rev. Mr. Austin left for Pittsfield, Tuesday, to attend the Methodist conference.

The assessors would like to see you if you are at liberty. They want "a paper stating."

Allen Newton is to have the care of the farm in Panton, recently occupied by C. A. Smith.

A wide-awake city government is a good public example. Vergennes is favored this year.

What millinery store were you speaking of? No. 4 Dyer's block? Oh, yes! Miss Dolan's.

F. H. Foss' stores are attractive, but that new outside dress is a real improvement in looks.

Jessie Currier is filling a car with four hundred bushels of Rose potatoes for Boston market.

The responsive reading of Psalms will be observed at the Congregational church next Sunday forenoon.

Fish poles, fishing tackle, fisherman, and sometimes fish are seen, about these days, near the falls.

A. Graveline is getting up a new cart for the Hong-Kong tea merchant. Perhaps Kingsley will run it.

George Klingman, Vergennes, is the exclusive agent for Addison county for the sale of Grant's memoirs.

Maying parties come home with trailing arbutus in full bloom, from Shell house mountain, Ferrisburgh.

Miss Kate L. Dolan goes to New York next week in the interest of her millinery store, No. 4 Dyer's block, Vergennes.

E. Gorham sold some household goods at auction Saturday, in front of the Stevens House. Left for sale by Dea. Parker.

We have many well-considered and good city ordinances, that it would surprise a great many people to see enforced.

Fragrant cassia blossoms from Pasadena, California, have been received from Mrs. Wm. Holland, by relatives in this place.

The wife of Mr. W. H. Patten, of the firm of Chamberlain & Co., contemplates a visit to friends in Keene, N. H., next week.

J. Canfield of the Episcopal Institute, Burlington, is visiting his sister, Miss Canfield. Both are guests of ex-Mayor C. E. Parker.

The sociable by the Ladies' Aid society, in vestry of Methodist church, Tuesday evening, was well attended. Receipts, fifteen dollars.

Have you seen E. C. Scott's new arrangement for keeping fish cool and sweet, as if just out of the lake? Call at his market.

Doctors tell us that precaution appears to be left out of the ordinary vocabulary in the spring. Its absence proves a harvest to them.

You might as well get your ten cent pieces ready. Dennison's soda fountain, with its Murphy attachment, draws like a mental.

That trip on the Water Lily, Tuesday, was an event. The first of the season, you know. Capt. Daniels looks just as thin and sober as ever.

Arrangements are in progress for a concert by the scholars of the Congregational Sunday-school, to be held in the church Sunday evening.

There were only twenty-two ladies in a certain church, Sunday, bearing testimony to the death of as many innocent birds whose wings they wore.

Mr. G. H. Sprigg shipped thirty-nine head of veal calves to Boston market last week, from Middlebury and New Haven depots, at 4 1-2 cents per pound.

Thirteen hundred pounds of the nicest and tenderest beef we have seen ornaments Scott's cooler, at his market, just added to his always good supply.

We never have seen so much activity among officials as the new ones in this city manifest. They do really mean business. It is well for Vergennes.

The Steven's block is wholly at the mercy of Panto, the painter. The Foss store and building has been greatly benefited and improved by Panto's work.

The ladies of the Congregational church and others, charitably disposed, met in the vestry and filled a missionary box for the South, Thursday afternoon.

The authorities have had the firemen's quarters under the town hall thoroughly cleaned, the hose carts polished up, and are to add some new conveniences to the rooms.

Mr. Joseph Laduke does not go on the road for the Horse Nail company. He fills a very useful position where he is. Our informant was in error, but Laduke is right wherever he is.

The well-known horse buyer, James Cole, is in town and with his friend, W. H. Bradford, has been hunting for days for horses to take to Middleboro, Mass. None have been bought as yet.

The city park is a thing of beauty. The grass is clean, the walks broad and evenly rounded up, the bordering sidewalks carefully looked after. Now, let it be so kept through the season.

Mr. Rann, who is connected with the Messrs. Mason, county publishers, was in town last week, looking up Panton matters. He is now engaged in perfecting a history of Chittenden county.

The boys will miss that nice old apple tree, in the rear of Mrs. Tuttle's house, on Main street. It was so easy to get at and you could skedaddle down the lane out of sight, quick. But it is cut down.

The summer solstice is nigh at hand when the thermometer indicates eighty in the shade; it did that Tuesday. The lawn mower, the garden rake, the ice man, the street sprinkler, are all, all here.

Messrs. Mason & Wright are dealing in blood sheep and have built up a large trade in the Southwest. Tuesday, Mr. S. J. Wright of the firm left Housick, N. Y., with a car load of blood Merino rams for New Mexico.

Mr. Henry B. Allen, who has had the Vergennes poor farm a few miles down the river for the past three years, gives place to Mr. Charles Holcomb, who takes the farm under the newly appointed poor-master, Mr. J. L. Miner.

How about the auctions Saturday? Must the park be stamped to death on each occasion? The open street, or the green, evenly shorn grass, under the trees—which shall the crowd occupy? Enforce the order—"Keep off the grass."

Rate cutting is in active operation on the Pacific side. Mr. Champion's sons, Thomas and Woodward, write that through and return tickets for Boston are sold in San Francisco for sixty dollars and Los Angeles tickets—500 miles—for \$1.

Mr. C. A. Booth's new purchase, the house occupied by Mr. Dennison on Main street, is undergoing repairs. The front fence has disappeared, new roofing is going on, the front entrance is to be improved and the whole will look much better than ever, soon.

Beautify your surroundings. Clean up the front yards and gardens. Air the cellar and give a good coat of white wash. See to the waste water. Where there is any doubt, use disinfectants and keep the house air pure and sweet. Do it yourself, then it will be well done.

Good riding horses are in demand. Tuesday the equestrians thronged our streets. Dr. Kidder, of course, leading all the rest, for style and horsemanship. One of the best of the lady riders was Miss Alice Hinman of New Haven. She has perfect self-possession and rides with ease and grace.

There are souls in the world who have the gift of finding joy everywhere, says Faber, and so we thought, as we gazed Saturday afternoon down into the face of that open-mouthed loafer, lying on his back in the rear of the stone block, snoring loud enough to frighten away the occupants of his uncombed hair.

H. Willard of Running Creek, Southern Colorado, bought, not long since, a blood Merino buck of C. W. Mason for \$300. He was a likely ram, and his owner turned him out lately with some ewes, and one night a wolf picked him out of all the rest of the flock and killed him. The ram was from the flock of the late L. P. Clark, Addison.

The California craze still keeps up. Wednesday Mr. C. W. Strong, with his wife and three children, left here for Los Angeles, Cal., where he will make his home. Mr. S. sold his farm in Franklin, Mass., recently. Charles Seales, for several years a farm hand for Mr. Hotsford, took the cars Tuesday for California. All the tickets at reduced rates.

The road to Bristol from this place is like wisdom's path, with here and there a traveler, and no wonder. For of all

the woe-begone, mud-be sprinkled, disconsolate looking parties, those who left Vergennes Thursday of last week for Bristol and finally reached there were the chief. But Ridley of the Bristol House is the efficient consoler of the hungry and tired traveler.

West Ferrisburgh has had a fresh sensation. Mr. Wm. Hart, a steady, industrious farmer, had hired a farm for the season of Mr. Percherell, and was in possession and making the customary spring arrangement for crops, when he was told that his room would be better than his company. Mr. Percherell blamed his better half for his action, claiming that she really owned the farm and was back of the suit of ejectment. But no matter, the merits of the case were fairly considered and even-handed justice tells William to go on fertilizing and that the next yield of crops shall be his.

Thoroughly equipped, well officered, with unequalled water power, the fire department may justly be regarded as our strong arm of defense. Sixty men, besides chief and assistant, constitute the working force of the department. Two good hose carts, the Stevens and Volunteers, and the hooks with the ladders. There are six good ladders and one extension ladder. There are fifteen hundred feet of hose, one thousand feet of linen and five hundred feet of leather hose. The power is furnished by a Flanders' pump, located on the falls, and the force is sufficient to throw several streams to the height of one hundred and fifty feet from the highest part of the town. The department members draw six dollars a year.

GENERAL COUNTY ITEMS.

The Shoreham hotel is to be opened this week by the new landlord, Asa Smith.

The people of Shoreham village are agitating the sidewalk question, and \$140 is already pledged for their construction.

A West Cornwall correspondent writes: "De Long's Ethan Allen has wintered splendidly and is, to all appearances, young as a colt."

Captain John Lonergan of Lincoln, commander of the county G. A. R. reunion organization, sends out this address to the Grand Army men of the county: Your commander at this time desires to call your attention to the annual encampment this year, and to the following: First, I desire your views on the length of time for the encampment; second, the date for the same. I am in favor of three days—two nights in camp. As to date, I am inclined to order you into camp on the anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg, July 1, 2 and 3. Commanders of the several Posts will please communicate with these headquarters as soon as convenient their several opinions on the above date and time for the encampment. The proper orders will be issued in due season and comrades are assured a good time.

State News.

Rutland Universalists have raised \$4500 toward building a church.

It is said an East Burke man has corn that is already six inches high.

Burlington friends of the movement have given \$316 to the Parnell parliamentary fund.

Rutland people are making efforts to have the next annual festival of Episcopal church choirs of the State held in that town.

The town of St. Johnsbury has voted to offer \$5,000 as an inducement to the location of the proposed